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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. TOPIC General Military InformationEVALUATION  25X1 PLACE OBTAINED  25X1 632967DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 21 March 1954DATE OBTAINED:  25X1 DATE PREPARED: 6 April 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 

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1. At 10:30 a.m. on 8 March 1954, 18 T-34/85 tanks were entrained in Wittenberg. 25X1  did not observe the end of the loading.

2. On 16 March, 13 T-34/85 tanks and 5 trucks passed through Coswig, coming from the direction of Zerbst and proceeding toward Brand. 25X1

3. On 16 March, a train carrying 12 T-34/85 tanks, 25X1 4 trucks,  and 1 jeep passed through Falkenberg, coming from Zerbst and proceeding to Brand. 25X1

4. At 3 p.m. on 17 March, a shipment of 9 boxcars occupied by troops; 4 rocket launchers,  about 40 trucks,  12 x 76.2-mm field guns, 1 jeep and 4 field 25X1 kitchens passed through Beelitz, proceeding toward Seddin. 25X1

5. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 17 March, 3 pontoons on six-wheel self-propelled mounts, 17 trucks carrying engineer equipment and 25X1  200 troops wearing black-bordered black 25X1 epaulets and black-bordered blue epaulets and 20 officers were detrained at 25X1 the Fuerstenberg railroad station. A second shipment of 480 troops wearing 25X1 black-bordered red epaulets, 20 officers, 4 trucks towing 4 x 57-mm AT guns 25X1 and  4 trucks towing 4 x 20-mm AA guns and 25X1

5 field kitchens,  and 10 trucks  25X1  was detrained simultaneously. The troops left toward Menz. 4 25X1

6. At 1:45 p.m. on 18 March, a train of 10 boxcars and 20 flatcars with 20 tanks, 25X1 presumably JS-3 tanks, was seen on a siding between Neuhardenburg and Burg- 25X1 -Stargard.

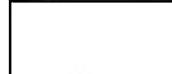
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25X1 1. [ ] Comment. According to [ ] about 70 tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div had been entrained in Wittenberg already on 7 March. The shipment returned on 11 March. [ ] cannot yet be determined, whether [ ] erred regarding the date. 25X1

25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The two trains from Zerbat to Brand are fairly definitely believed to have carried tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div. It, therefore, can be assumed that, beginning on 26 February, exercises, presumably of all divisions of the Third Gds Mech Army, were held in the Brand area at staggered dates.

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25X1 4. [ ] Comment. It is rather safely believed that elements of the 94th Gds Mts Rifle Div from Schwerin were detrained. [ ] These movements were probably included in shipments from the division area indicated in railroad records. The movements were made in connection with exercises which started in the Neustrelitz-Mecklenburg-Wittstock area after 17 March.

25X1 5. [ ] Comment. On 13 and 14 March, Soviet units presumably of the 7th Gds Mech Div, were dispatched from the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station to an undetermined destination. [ ] It cannot be determined whether the troops which arrived in Schoeneweide on 21 March were the same troops, who left on 13 and 14 March. If so, they presumably participated in exercises of the division, possibly at the Lieberose training grounds.

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